

again opens up another and entirely new region in steamboat navigation to tourist and sportsman, who can now reach, with comparatively little trouble, a district which has hitherto been accessible only to those with ample means and time.

This chain of lakes and the Maganetawan River are just equal distance between the Muskoka and Nipissing chain of waters, and drain a surface of about 4,000 square miles.

A writer in *Forest and Farm* thus speaks of the Maganetawan:—"Now a word about the region. If a man can stand outdoor life, and live on venison, trout, bass, partridge, duck, pork, tea and crackers, there is no better place to go to in America that is as accessible. A man can go there in July, August, September, or October with comfort if he will go in the right way, and shoot deer and catch trout to his heart's content. June to August for trout, after that, for deer. Remember the Maganetawan is as large as the Schuylkill at Philadelphia, or considerably wider and deeper than the Harlem at High Bridge, and that the trout has an unlimited range, and are seldom disturbed, so that they have a chance to grow. Deer can be bagged in great numbers if you choose to do so; with a couple of good hounds magnificent sport could be had in the fall. I have shot partridge with my rifle from the canoe while travelling, as they were strutting on the shore, and their "drumming" was one of the pleasantest, every-day sounds. Do not try to go without some guide. There are men who know the country, and they should be secured, for if you get in there alone, you will have little sport and much trouble. I have no possible interest in noticing this region except that I believe it to be unsurpassed in many ways."

From Burk's Falls, a steamer of the Muskoka Navigation Company may be taken. For fifteen miles the river is followed, winding to and fro, as all Muskoka rivers seem to do.

After passing through the locks the steamer continues for three miles more in the river, and then enters the lovely lake. Ah-Mic, this is another of the gems of Muskoka; most quaint in form, its arms and elonga-

tion form a very maze of interlacings, so their constant vistas of projecting heights, with glimpses of distant waters, and high ridges with closely-wooded forests of hardwood trees, give soft rounded outlines to the distant scenery.

In summer this combination of the rich greens of the maple, oak and birch, is most beautiful, but when in autumn the bright red tints show forth their resplendent colours, it is simply indescribable.

At Callander, 108 miles from Gravenhurst, the first glimpse is obtained of Lake Nipissing; and here the steamers touch for various parts of this interesting lake. This lake is about 45 miles in length, and its greatest breadth is 28 miles. Its waters are mostly from the north by the Sturgeon River, which connects it with a chain of smaller lakes; the only outlet is French River, by which the lake discharges into Georgian Bay. This lake is named after an Indian tribe—known as the Nipissings—who lived in this district, and who were regarded by Cartier, and other French adventurers, as a peculiarly superstitious race.

In short the whole of the Muskoka district may be deemed a very sportsman's paradise.

Penetanguishene, one of the termini of the Northern and North-Western Division of the Grand Trunk, is pleasantly situated on a land-locked bay at the foot of Georgian Bay. It is one of the historic spots of Canada. It was once the naval depot on the upper lakes of the British Navy, and under the waters of its harbour lie the remains of four gunboats. In the year 1634 the Jesuit Fathers settled in Ontario at Ihonatiria—now Penetang—in commemoration of which the Jesuits have built a very beautiful church, one of the grandest ecclesiastical structures in America. The channels which dot the entrance to the harbour are excellent for pickerel, maskinonge and bass fishing. The steamer "Maxwell" runs daily, on arrival of trains from Toronto and Hamilton, between Penetang, Midland and Parry Sound; and from thence weekly to French River, and semi-weekly to Byng Inlet. The scenery from Penetang to Parry Sound is among the most varied and pic-